

# Louisiana Economic Vitals

## Friday, October 31, 2025



# PREFACE

The Louisiana Economic Development Economic Competitiveness team has prepared this weekly economic report. Data comes from federal and state governmental entities and third-party sources. The team has independently analyzed and condensed all data for brevity and utility.

## LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OCTOBER 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[ChillCo Expands St. Tammany Parish Headquarters, Adding Jobs and Increasing Service Capacity](#)

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

[Orion Engineers + Constructors Announces Corporate Headquarters Relocation to Louisiana](#)

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

[Aclara Invests \\$277 Million to Build Nation's First Heavy Rare Earth Separation Facility in Southwest Louisiana](#)

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

[Bascom Hunter is doubling its Baton Rouge footprint with a new fabrication facility](#)

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

[Louisiana Launches \\$150M FastSites Fund — A Bold New Era of Speed, Strategy, and Statewide Growth](#)

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

[South Louisiana Rail Facility Expands to Create New Opportunities for Louisiana Rice Farmers](#)

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

[ICYMI: EquipmentShare Celebrates Grand Opening of New Branch in Louisiana – Part of a Statewide Expansion Exceeding \\$187 Million](#)

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

[Bollinger Shipyards Wins Major U.S. Defense Deal - Built in Louisiana, Backed by America](#)

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

[MMR Group Expands Louisiana Footprint with \\$55.2 Million Investment in Lafayette to Serve Growing Tech Markets](#)

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

[DMR Technologies to Launch Full-Scale U.S. Drone Manufacturing Facility in Lafayette](#)

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

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# LED PROJECT PIPELINE

Since the start of the current administration, LED has announced 62 projects that will account for over \$64.2 billion USD of investment and more than 8,290 direct new jobs.

As of 10/30/2025, LED is involved with and tracking 172 distinct projects, with a combined value of over \$230.4 billion USD and with the potential to create more than 44,535 direct new jobs.

# CERTIFIED SITE PROGRAM

Since its inception, Louisiana Economic Development has Certified 162 Industrial sites, with portions or all of 33 of them moved into higher commerce. At full build out, that equates to over \$26.6 Billion in CapEx, more than 6,210 direct new jobs and total annual wages of more than \$396 million.



## Active Certified Sites by Region

Acadiana . . . . .	23
Bayou . . . . .	6
Capital . . . . .	27
Central . . . . .	9
Northeast . . . . .	13
Northwest . . . . .	16
Southeast . . . . .	17
Southwest . . . . .	14

TOTAL **125**

# 1. LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

The following figures illustrate a two year period, September 2023 through September 2024 and September 2024 through September 2025, of unique (non duplicates) job postings in Louisiana for selected industries.

Source: [lightcast.io](https://lightcast.io)

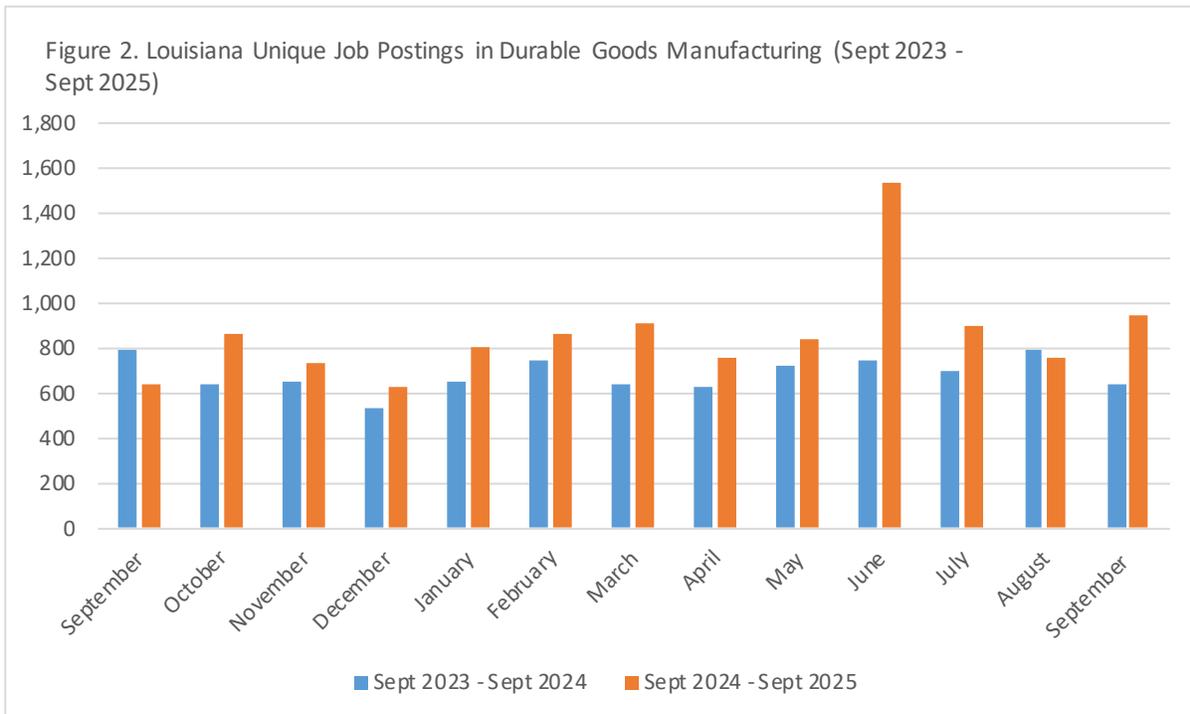
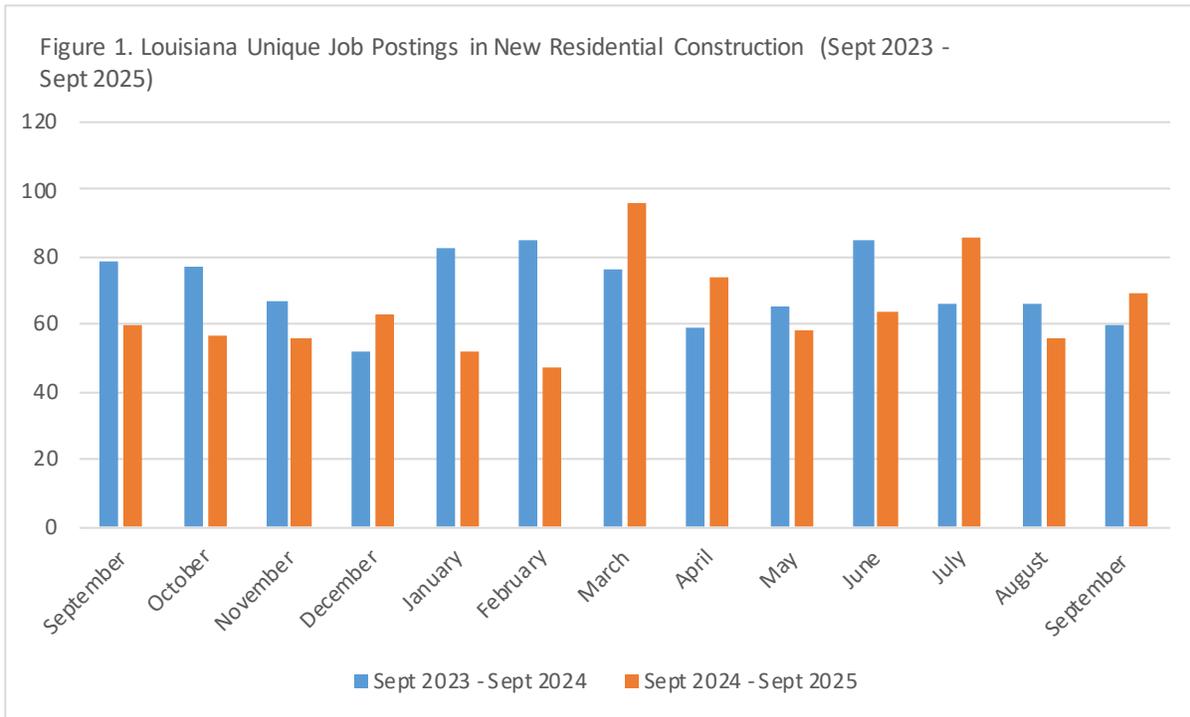


Figure 3. Louisiana Unique Job Postings in Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing (Sept 2023 - Sept 2025)

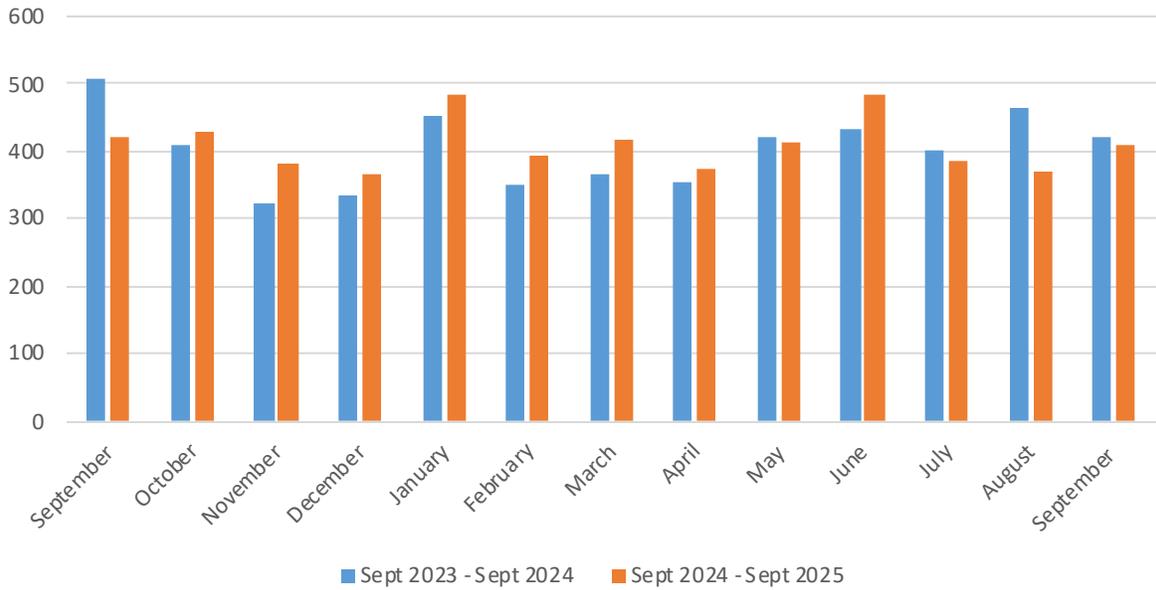


Figure 4. Louisiana Unique Job Postings in Retail Trade (Sept 2023 - Sept 2025)

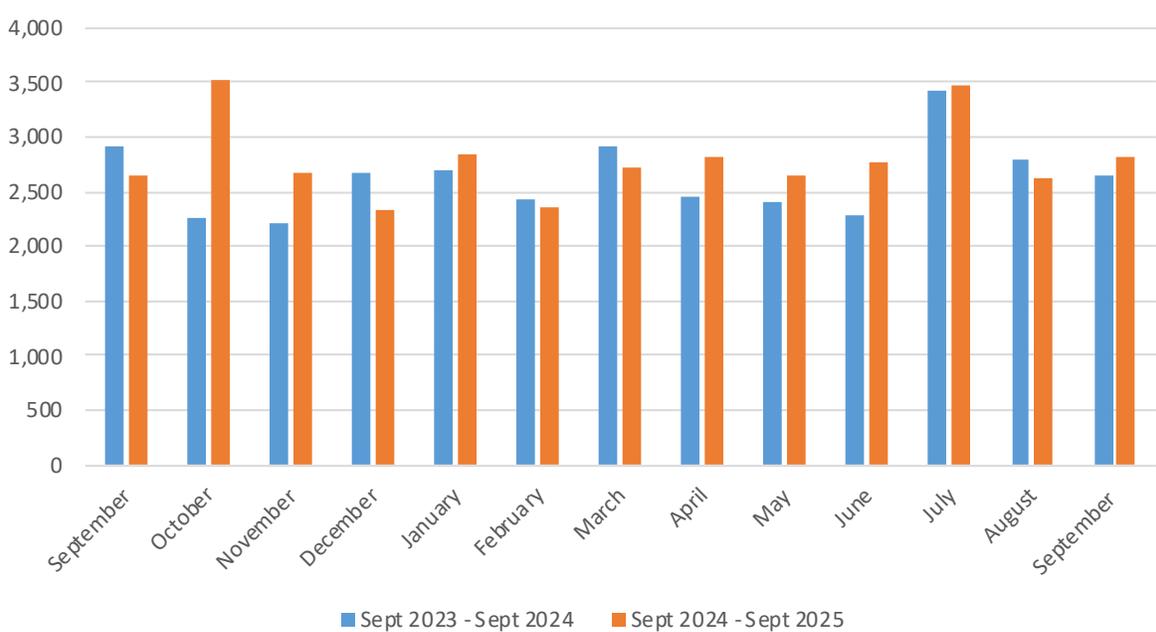


Figure 5. Louisiana Unique Job Postings in Luxury Retail Trade (Sept 2023 - Sept 2025)

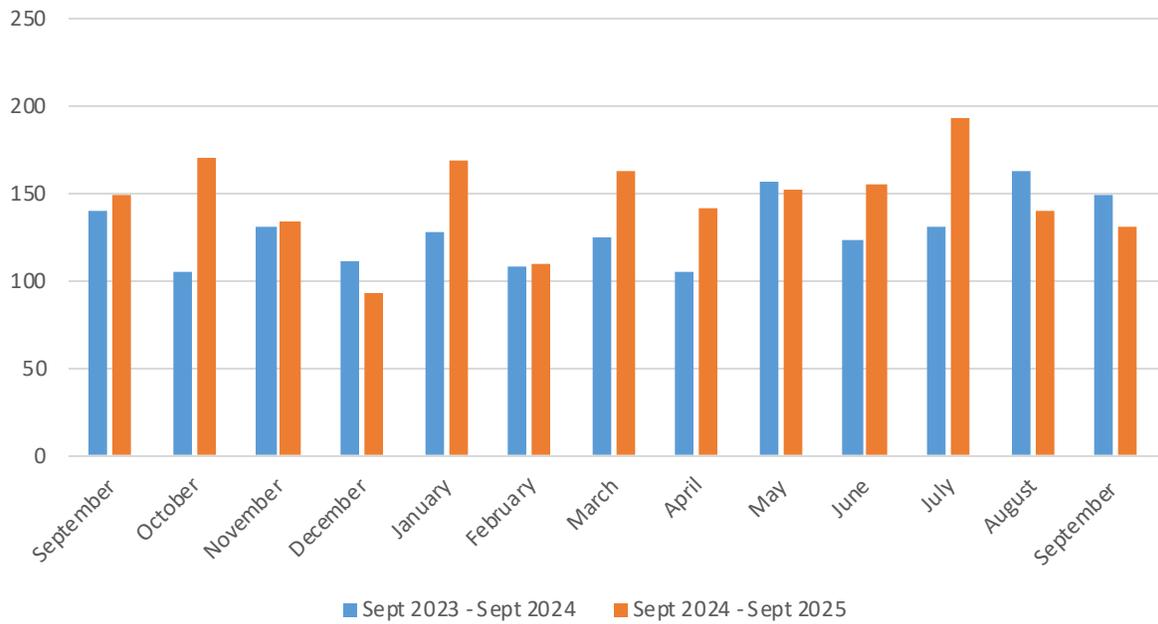


Figure 6. Louisiana Unique Job Postings in Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (Sept 2023 - Sept 2025)

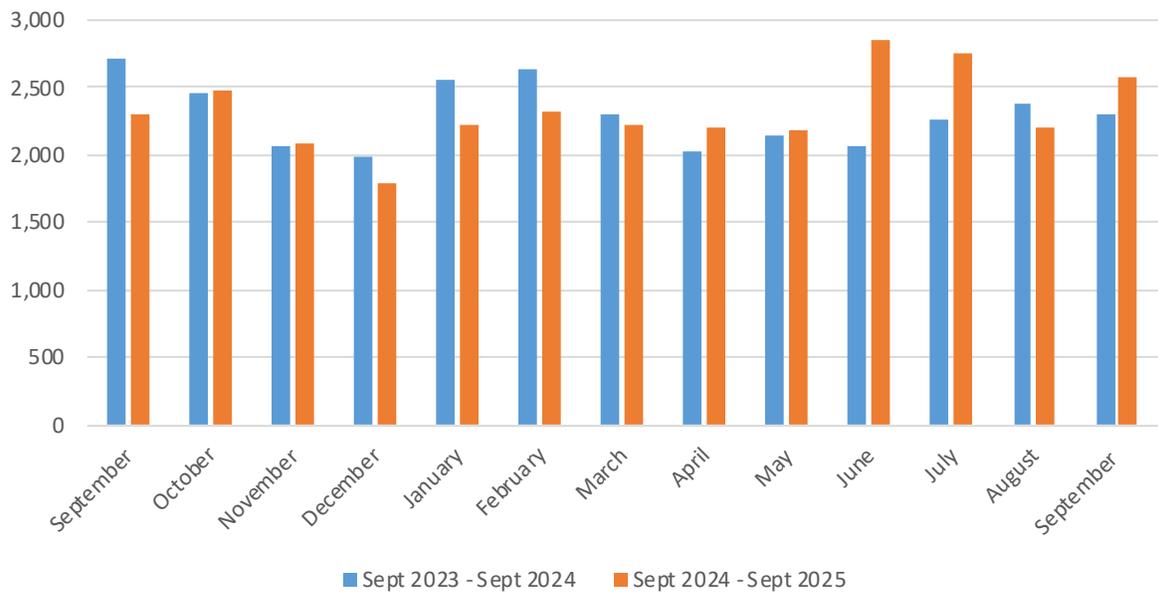


Figure 7. Louisiana Unique Job Postings in Health Care (Sept 2023 - Sept 2025)

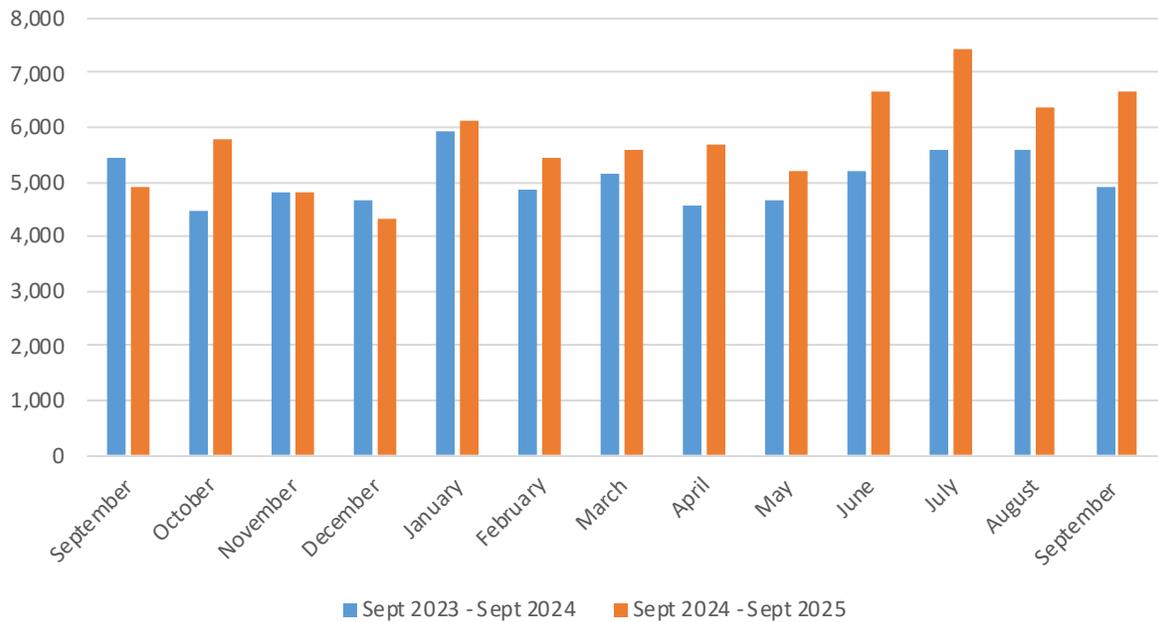


Figure 8. Louisiana Unique Job Postings in Elementary and Secondary Schools (Sept 2023 - Sept 2025)

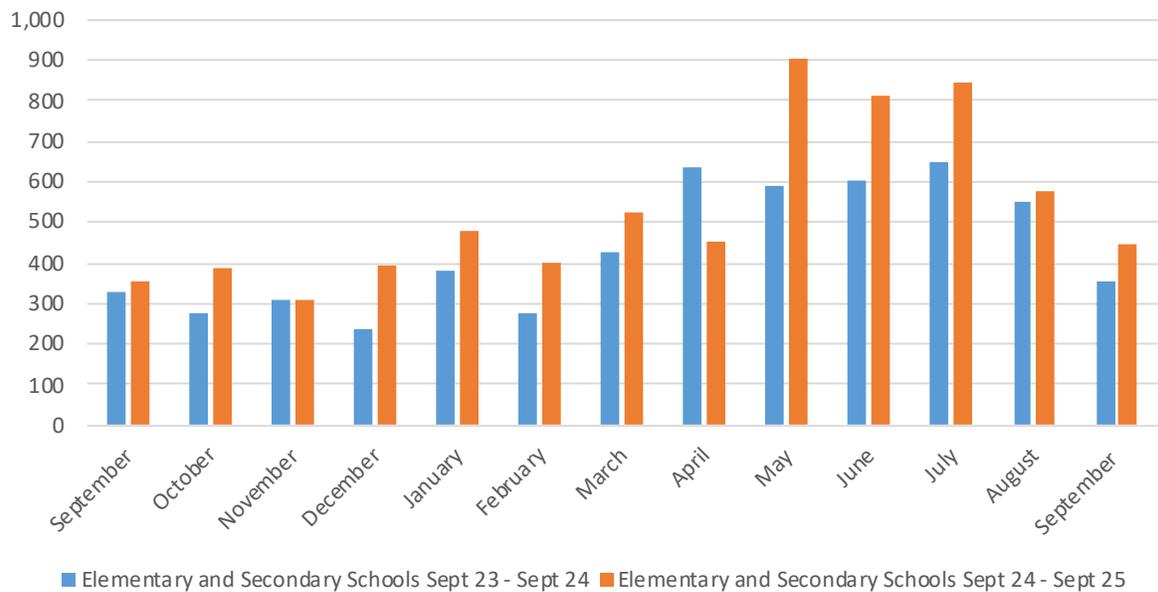


Figure 9. Louisiana Unique Job Postings in Colleges, Junior Colleges, and Professional Schools (Sept 2023 - Sept 2025)

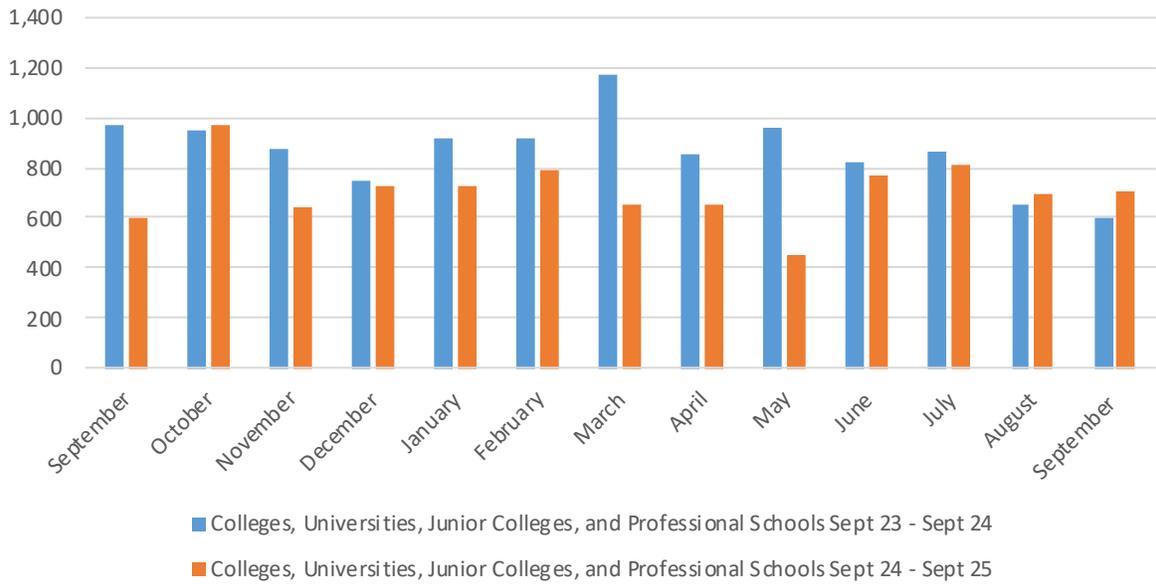


Figure 10. Louisiana Unique Job Postings in Oil and Gas Extraction, Mining, and Quarrying (Sept 2023 - Sept 2025)

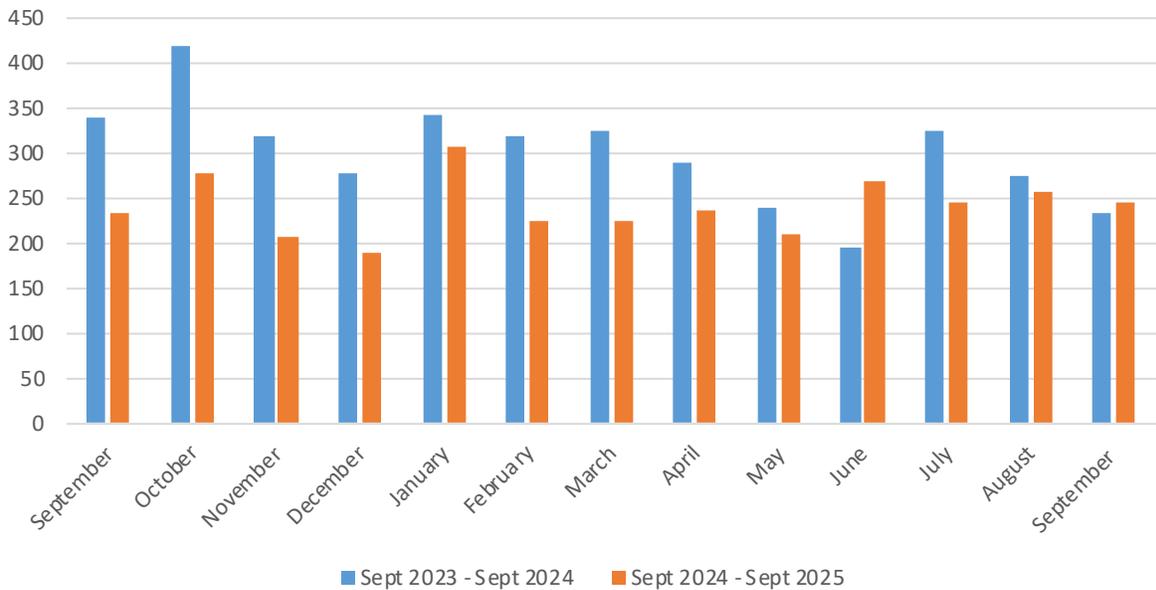
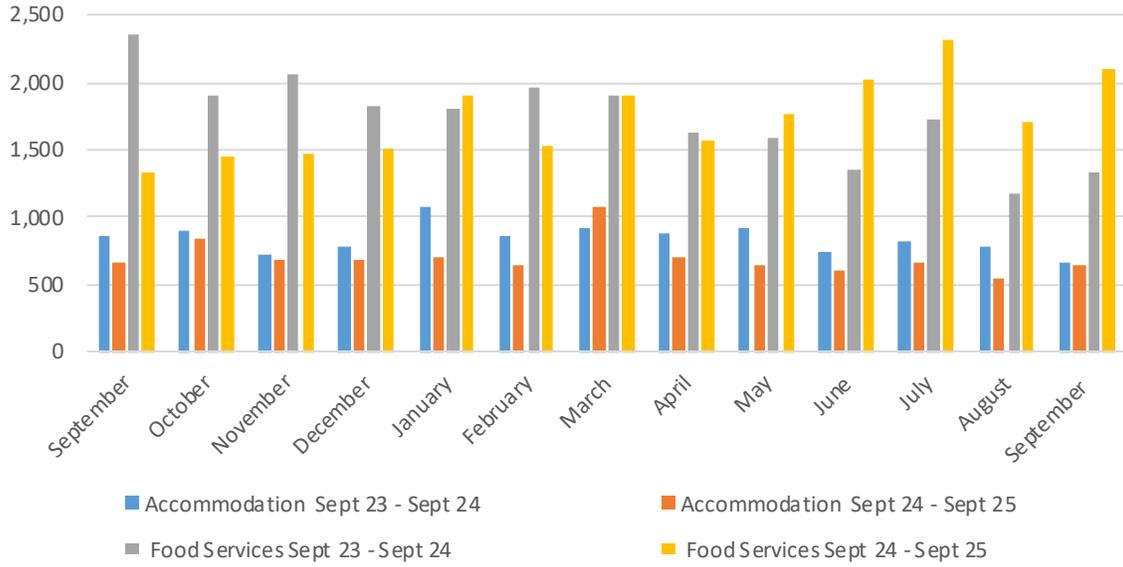


Figure 11. Louisiana Unique Job Postings in Accommodation and Food Services (Sept 2023 - Sept 2025)



## 2. COMMODITIES

The following tables provide data on the prices of energy, which reflect the overall health of the economy.

Source: [eia.gov](https://www.eia.gov)

Table 1. Energy Commodities, Weekly					
Commodity	10/24/25	10/17/25	10/25/24	% Change	
				(WoW)	(YoY)
Brent Crude Oil	\$62.36	\$66.65	\$74.58	-6.4%	-16.4%
WTI Crude Oil	\$58.80	\$62.10	\$70.81	-5.3%	-17.0%
Henry Hub Natural Gas	\$2.80	\$3.23	\$2.15	-13.3%	30.2%
U.S. Regular Conventional Gas	\$2.90	\$2.93	\$3.04	-1.0%	-4.6%

The following tables provide data on the prices of agricultural commodities, which reflect the overall health of the economy.

Source: [tradingeconomics.com](https://tradingeconomics.com)

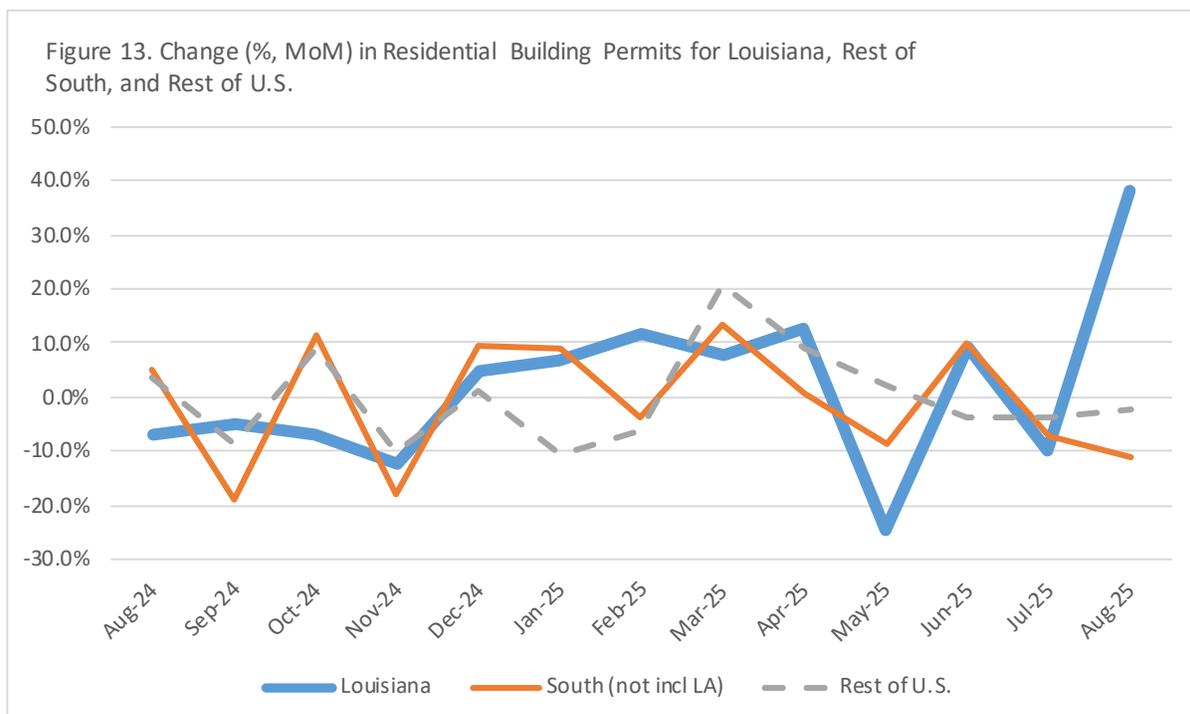
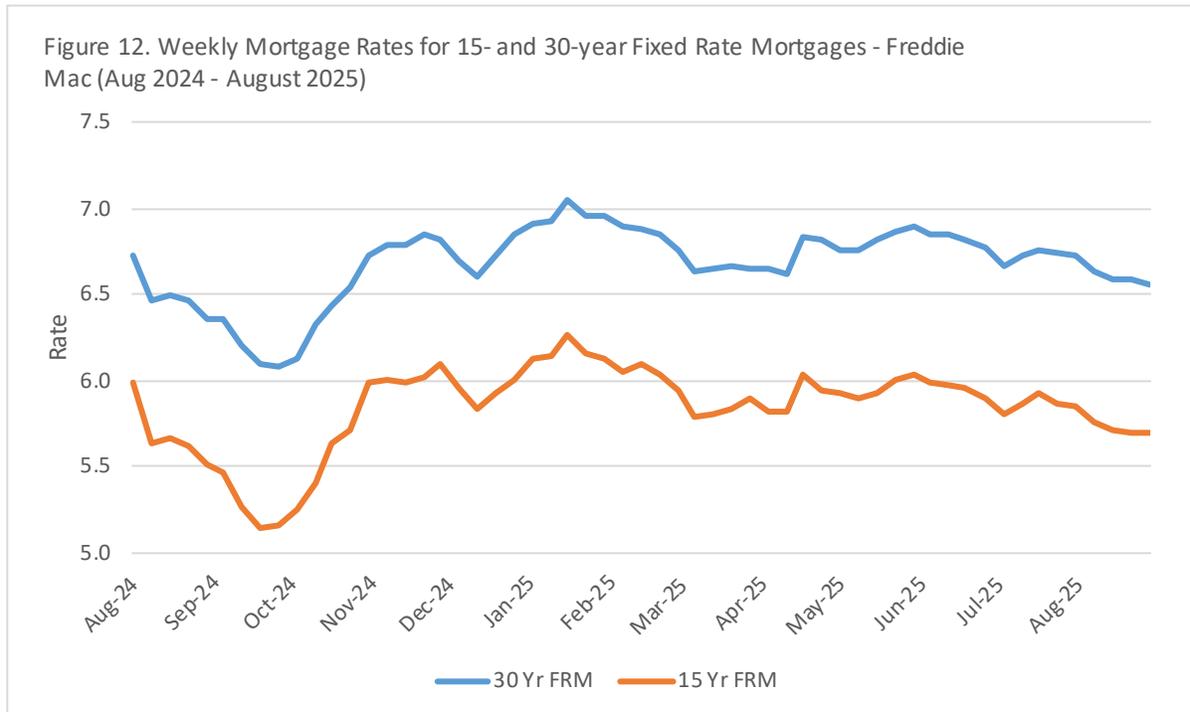
Table 2. Agricultural Commodities, Daily Period of October 30, 2025							
Commodity	Listed Price	Dollar (\$)	Unit of Measurement	% Change			
				Daily	Weekly	Monthly	(YoY)
Soybeans	\$1,079.42	\$10.79	\$/Bu	-0.1%	3.3%	6.56%	9.9%
Wheat	\$523.72	\$5.24	\$/Bu	-1.6%	2.1%	2.9%	-8.2%
Lumber	\$547.97	\$5.48	\$/MBF	-0.6%	-8.7%	-10.7%	-1.0%
Palm Oil	\$4,260.00	\$42.60	\$/MT	0.2%	-4.7%	-3.0%	-9.3%
Sugar (No. 11)	\$14.19	\$0.14	\$/Lb	-1.6%	-7.2%	-12.0%	-37.7%
Coffee	\$386.22	\$3.86	\$/Lb	-1.1%	-6.1%	0.4%	56.6%
Corn	\$429.90	\$4.30	\$/Bu	-0.9%	0.5%	3.3%	4.7%
Rice	\$9.99	\$0.10	\$/CWT	-0.3%	-2.5%	-9.8%	-32.0%
Orange Juice	\$175.92	\$1.76	\$/Lb	-4.8%	-10.4%	-23.5%	-66.9%

### 3. LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE METRICS

Average weekly rates for 15- and 30-year fixed rate mortgages are illustrated in the first figure below. See <https://www.freddiemac.com/pmms/about-pmms> for more information on the data instruments used to determine the national average mortgage rate.

The monthly change in Louisiana's total-units residential building permits are compared to the average changes for the rest of the South and to the average changes of the rest of the U.S. The rest of the South is calculated as the average of the summation of each southern state's percentage-change for each period. The rest of the U.S. is calculated the same way including all states not in the South (including D.C.)

Source: [census.gov](https://www.census.gov)



# 4. PORTS

The following figures offer a snapshot of short-run export and import activity at each Louisiana port, reflecting the region's economic conditions, including trade patterns, industrial strengths, and supply chain dynamics.

Source: [portwatch.imf.org](http://portwatch.imf.org)

Figure 14. Baton Rouge Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

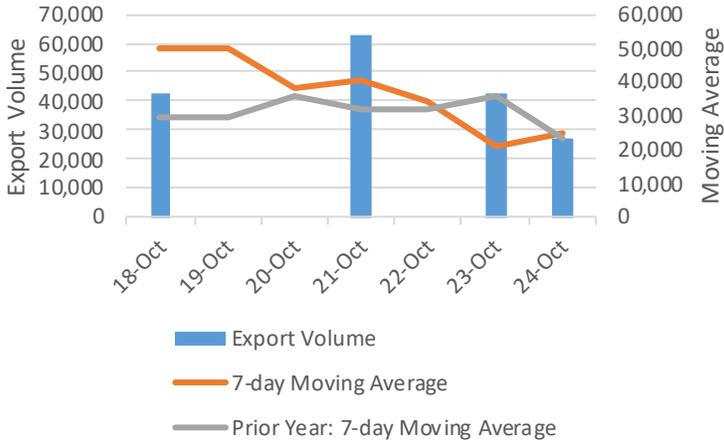


Figure 15. New Orleans Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

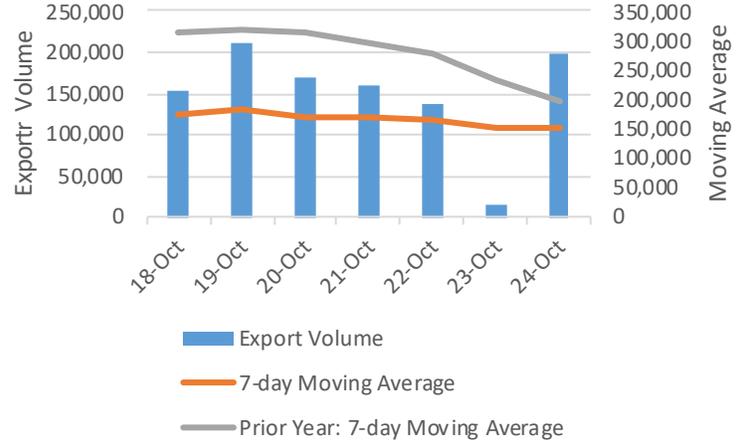


Figure 16. South Louisiana Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

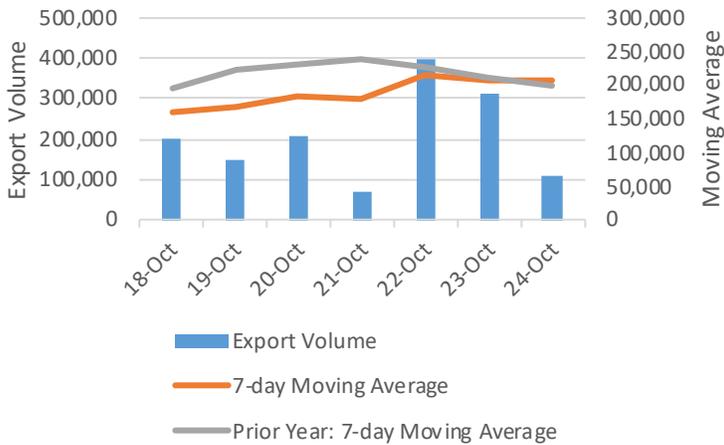


Figure 17. Lake Charles Port Export Volume, by Tonnage



Figure 18. Plaquemines Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

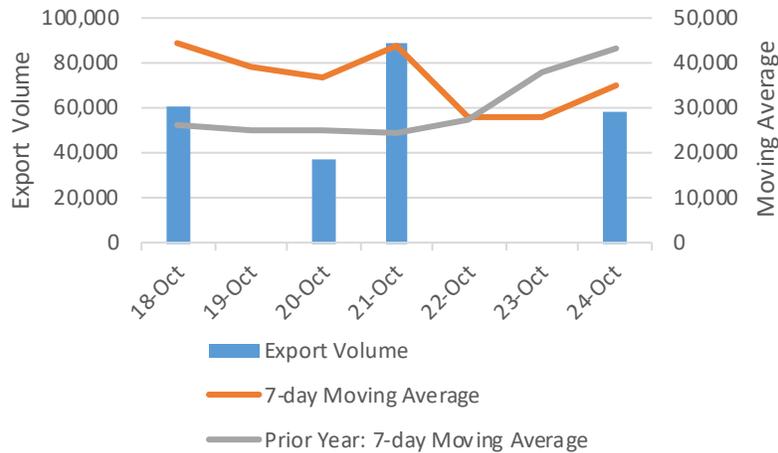


Figure 19. Baton Rouge Port Import Volume, by Tonnage

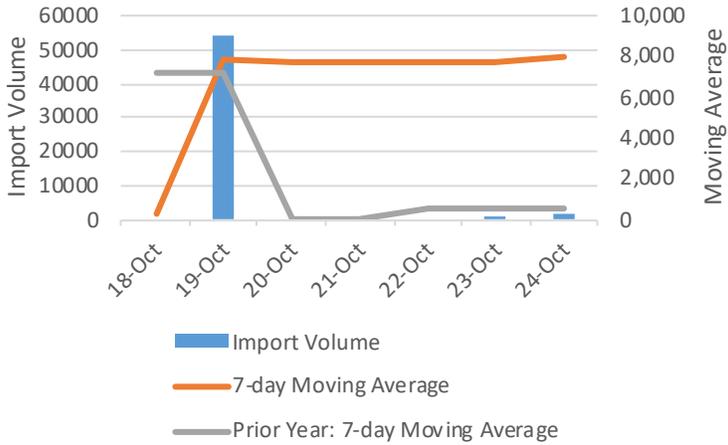


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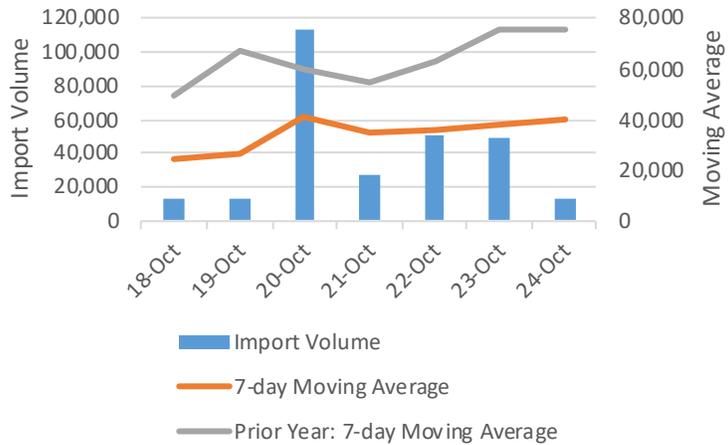


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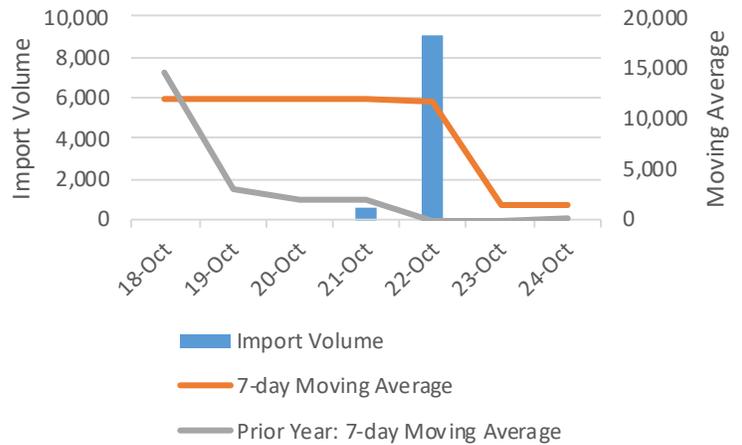


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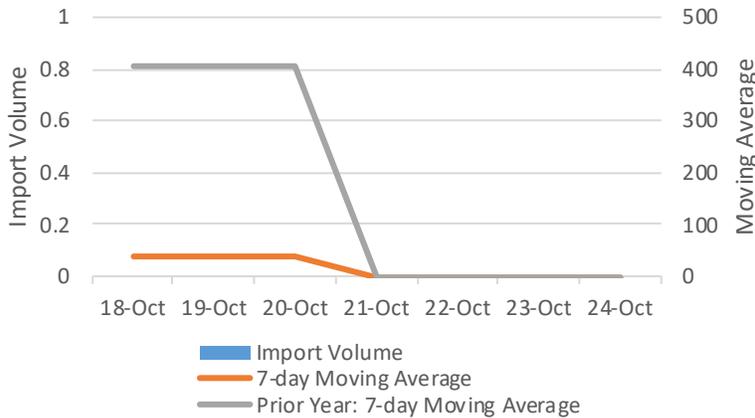


Figure 24. Baton Rouge Port Arrivals, by Type of Vessel

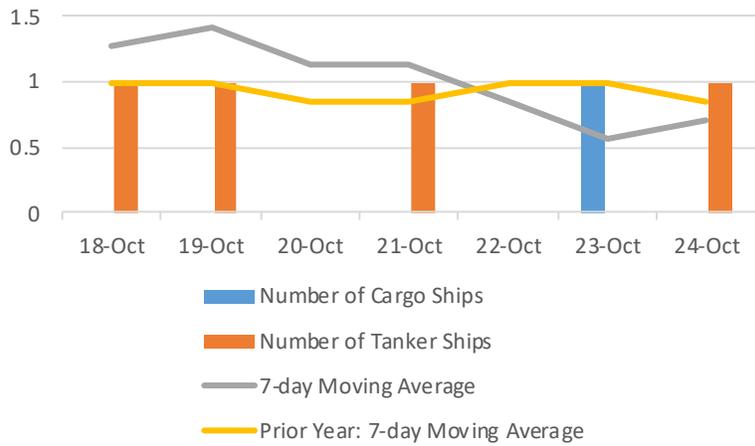


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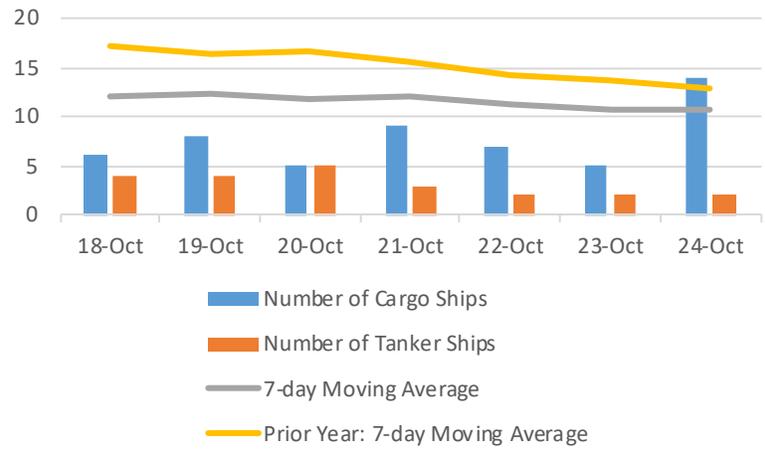


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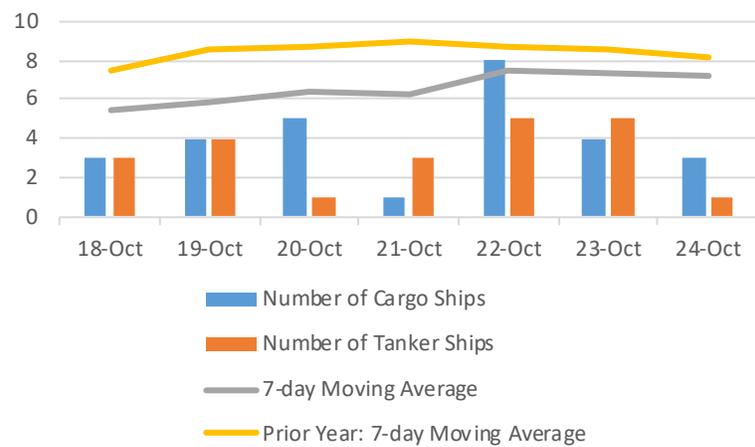


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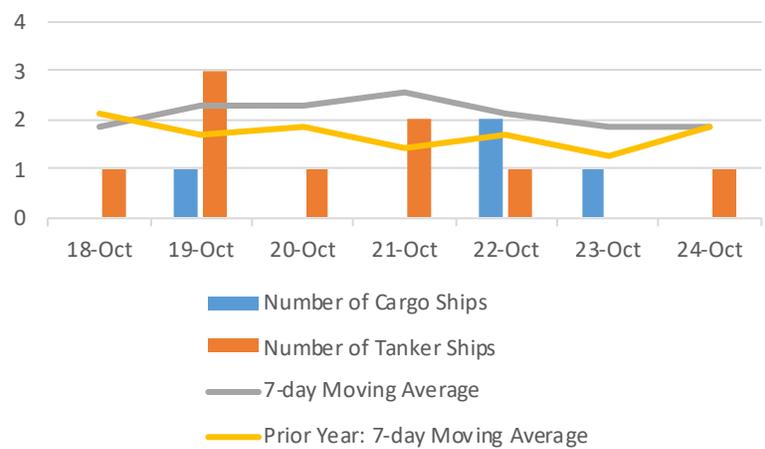
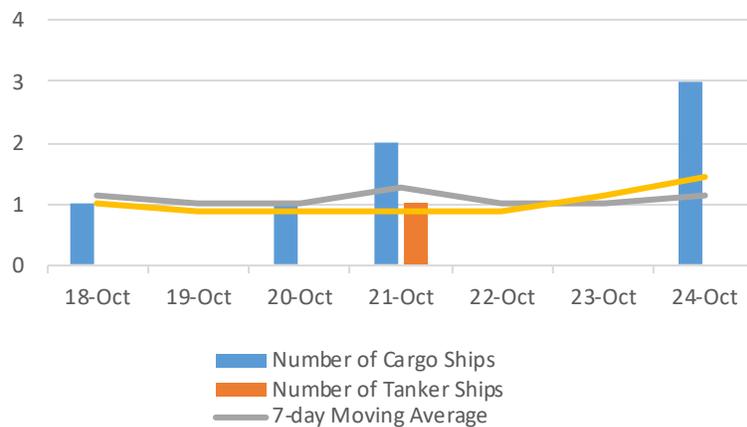


Figure 28. Plaquemines Port Arrivals, by Type of Vessel



# November

2025

## Economic Calendar

The Economic Calendar provides insights into upcoming events and data releases.

It includes information on national economic indicators, such as GDP, employment figures, inflation rates, and central bank meetings.

Links to source are included.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	<a href="#">Construction Spending</a> [Sep] <a href="#">ISM Manufacturing</a> [Oct] <a href="#">Total Vehicle Sales</a> [Oct]	3 <a href="#">Trade Balance</a> [Sep] <a href="#">Jolts</a> [Sep]	4 <a href="#">ISM Services</a> [Oct]	5 <a href="#">Productivity</a> [Q3 P]	6 <a href="#">Employment</a> [Oct] <a href="#">U. of Michigan Sentiment</a> [Nov] <a href="#">Consumer Credit</a> [Sep]	7 8
9		10 <a href="#">NFIB Small Business</a> [Oct]  Veteran's Day [U.S. Markets Closed]	11	12 <a href="#">CPI</a> [Oct] <a href="#">Federal Budget</a> [Oct]	13 <a href="#">Retail Sales</a> [Oct] <a href="#">PPI</a> [Oct] <a href="#">Business Inventories</a> [Sep]	14 15
16		17 <a href="#">Import Price Index</a> [Oct] <a href="#">Industrial Production</a> [Oct] <a href="#">NAHB Index</a> [Nov]	18 <a href="#">Housing Starts</a> [Oct] <a href="#">FOMC Minutes</a> [Oct]	19 <a href="#">Existing Home Sales</a> [Oct]	20 <a href="#">State Employment</a> [Oct]	21 22
23		24 <a href="#">S&amp;P/C-S Home Prices</a> [Sep] <a href="#">Consumer Confidence</a> [Nov] <a href="#">Pending Home Sales</a> [Oct]	25 <a href="#">GDP &amp; Profits</a> [Q3 2 <sup>nd</sup> ] <a href="#">Durable Goods</a> [Oct] <a href="#">Personal Income</a> [Oct] <a href="#">New Home Sales</a> [Oct]	26  Thanksgiving Day [U.S. Markets Closed]	27	28 29
30						